

REMARKS

Applicants concurrently file herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 1-7, 21 and 25-40 are all of the claims presently pending in the application.

New claims 38-40 have been added to provide more varied protection for the claimed invention and to claim additional features of the invention. These claims are independently patentable because of the novel features recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 38-40 are patentable over any combination of the applied references at least for reasons analogous to those previously set forth with respect to claims 1-7, 21 and 25-37.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 21, and 25-40, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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